

## Iron County Register

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IRONTON, MISSOURI

Just what does the "slash" skirt prove?

Baseball is a good game, provided your team wins occasionally.

Also our notion of a useless occupation is that of raising artichokes.

In the barbers' strike riots in New York revolvers were employed. Next!

If all jokes were judged by points, a big bunch of them would score minus zero.

Another much needed invention is a golf ball that will whistle whenever it is lost.

The silk hat has survived a century. But the green one—a few months should suffice.

When the Balkan states feel like borrowing \$1,000,000,000, what does Turkey feel like?

The dollars are flowing in for turtle serum, but where are the absolute proofs of worth?

It is our notion, however, that the world needs simplified talking more than simplified spelling.

Los Angeles has two lady "coppers" and it is said to be quite a sensation to be pinched by one of them.

After all, why correct the proof even if the compositor does set it up vulgar instead of Bulgar styles.

What a comfort it would be if mosquitoes were as fastidious as are rainbow trout in the matter of biting.

'Twas a mean man who insinuated that at a suffragette meeting he not only heard plain things but saw 'em.

Pickpockets may conclude to plead that in this day of empty purses and dollar watches they earn what they get.

They say that the taste for Manila cigars can be cultivated. Anybody who likes artichokes ought to believe it.

When unnecessary noise is abolished the picture of a messenger boy looking at an automobile horn will be pathetic.

What has become of the man who used to eat strawberry shortcake all the time and then wonder what ailed his system?

Irrespective of currency reform, there should be dough for everybody soon. The winter wheat crop has the best of prospects.

An advance of \$5 a foot is announced in the price of shoe snakes. But an advance in the price of the bar room kind would be better.

This country has imported \$10,000,000 worth of gems since the first of the present year. Somebody must be trying to square himself with his wife.

The strength with which a man wields a piece of bamboo depends upon whether said bamboo is a component part of a carpet beater or a fishing rod.

The statement made that a woman saw a soul passing from a dying relative's lips is received by scientists with skepticism. Even were such a thing allowed to be possible there are so many souls so small as to be invisible under any circumstances.

"How long since you have seen a woman darning a pair of socks?" asks the Cincinnati Enquirer, thus offering an admirable topic for the historical societies.

The new British ambassador is reported to be a baseball fan, which may prove even more influential than proficiency on the tennis court or the golfing green.

That all potato cars must be heated in winter is the mandate of the interstate commerce commission. There must be a society for the prevention of cruelty to the potato.

The blasting at Panama is killing the sea serpent. This will not do. At least one of the sacred traditions of ages must be preserved from the commercial iconoclasts of the age.

You remember, don't you, that Guatemala borrowed \$2,000,000 from Great Britain in 1867? Well, Great Britain is unreasonable enough to think it is time for Guatemala to whack up, and is beginning to be unpleasant about it.

One sporting writer says that it is now anybody's pennant. But from the claims put forward by the various baseball managers we are led to believe that it is everybody's pennant.

The public health bureau says that fear of the germs they may contain need deter no one from amassing greenbacks as swiftly as possible, since the ink kills the germs. Was anyone ever discovered who allowed such a fear to keep him poor, and if such a craven-spirited soul exists, is it worth while to reassure him?

If there are no germs on paper money, all right. But some people were willing to take desperate risks with considerable nonchalance.

There is a movement in Buffalo for an ordinance forbidding the beating of rugs or carpets within the city limits. Good idea! There should be an ordinance, also, making it a penal offense for a man who has been eating garlic and drinking alcohol to take a ride in a street car or other public conveyance within a period of 24 hours thereafter.

## SLAYS MOTHER TO HIDE FIRST CRIME

OHIO FARMER TELLS OF SHOOTING PARENT, FEARING SHE KNEW OF MURDER.

SHOWS WHERE HE BURIED KIN

One Body Found in Shallow Grave, Skeleton of Earlier Victim Unearthed—Robbery of Trunk Leads to His Arrest.

Ironton, O.—Berkeley Flemming, 20 years old, a farmer, has just confessed to the murder of his mother, Mrs. Emma Flemming, 45, June 8, and his brother, Culbertson, 25, July 14, 1910, at Coryville, one mile north of Ironton.

Following the confession, Flemming was taken to his home in an automobile. Near the house he pointed out the spot where he said he had buried his mother. The police found her body under 18 inches of dirt. The back part of her head had been blown away with a gun.

Finds Skeleton of Brother.

Flemming then took the officers to another spot by a tobacco field on the farm and showed where he had buried his brother. A few feet under the ground a skeleton, the skull of which had been broken, was found. Flemming told the police that he shot his brother also.

The investigation which resulted in the confession was begun when Mrs. Flemming was missed by Miss Bessie Stewart, her sister, who resides at the Flemming home. Young Flemming could not be found about the farm and a search showed that \$200 had been taken from a trunk which belonged to his grandfather.

Killed Brother in Quarrel.

He was found in Ironton and arrested. At first he denied knowing anything about his mother's whereabouts, but later admitted the killing. Fear that his mother knew of the murder of his brother three years ago is given as the motive for the crime.

Flemming told the police that he had quarreled with his brother and then killed him. He said he wrote a letter to his mother, signing his dead brother's name and telling her that Culbertson had grown tired of home and had run away. Fearing that his mother might suspect that he had killed the older son, he said, he planned to slay her.

Phone in Wilson's Office.

Washington.—Installation of the telephone in the president's room at the capitol stirred senators to a keener appreciation than they had hitherto possessed, that they might expect a visit from President Wilson at any moment of the day.

Young Civil War Captain Dies.

Pittsburg, Kan.—Capt. Lawson D. Jernigan, 68 years old, former United States commissioner for the western district of Arkansas, is dead. Capt. Jernigan was one of the youngest captains in the Union army during the civil war.

Supt. Heeter is Dismissed.

Pittsburg.—After many weeks of investigation the board of public education discharged S. L. Heeter, superintendent of public schools. He was found guilty of immorality in making improper advances and taking unwarranted liberties with women.

Bunco Ring Man Guilty.

San Francisco.—Frank Ecola, former police detective, was found guilty of grand larceny in complicity with the operations of the notorious "forty thieves" bunco game which operated here for many months.

Senate Extends Quiz.

Washington.—Having discovered the existence of a sugar lobby in Washington, the senate investigating committee intends to probe into the deepest recesses of the lobby situation from every standpoint.

Shryock Heads Illinois Normal.

Carbondale, Ill.—At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Southern Illinois State Normal university in Carbondale, Prof. W. H. Shryock was elected president to succeed Dr. D. B. Parkinson.

Evelyn Thaw in "Hullo Ragtime."

London, Eng.—Evelyn Thaw made her first appearance in the Hippodrome Review, "Hullo Ragtime," although her name was on the program. Her part in the program was limited to two dances.

Cows Set World Record.

Malone, N. Y.—"Agnes Wallace," a 4-year-old Ayrshire cow owned by M. G. Welch of Maple Grove, in an official test has passed the 365 days' record of the world in butter production for 4-year-old Ayrshires.

Two Miners Killed, 14 Hurt.

Shamokin, Pa.—Two men were killed and 14 hurt in an explosion in the Scott shaft of the Susquehanna Coal Co., four miles from here. It is an anthracite mine. Over 100 men were employed.

Spurns \$20,000 Ransom.

Mexico City.—Disdaining a ransom of \$20,000 offered by the friends of Col. Pascual Orozco, Sr., father of the former rebel chief, Emiliano Zapata has caused the old man to be put to death, according to a dispatch.

Buffalo Bill Gravely Ill.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Physicians attending William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill"), who became ill here Friday, said his condition was grave. Col. Cody is being cared for at the home of a cousin.

## ASSAILS YOKUM IN HOUSE

HINEBAUGH TELLS OF FRISCO RAILROAD FAILURE.

Says He Believes Inquiry Will Show 'Jobbing Scheme' as He Urges Congressional Action.

Washington, D. C.—A spirited attack on the financial management of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad was made in the house by Representative Hinebaugh of Illinois, in a speech urging the adoption of his resolution directing the interstate commerce commission to investigate the operations of the company now in receivership.

"Many persons who have bought securities this company has sold during the last three years are anxious to know what portion of that money found its way into the treasury of the company and how much was diverted into the pockets of certain officials," said Hinebaugh.

"I am more than satisfied that a thorough investigation by the interstate commerce commission will demonstrate," he continued, "that the Frisco system, under the management of B. F. Yokum, has never been conducted as a legitimate transportation company, but that it has been made the basis of a tremendous jobbing scheme to enrich the men who have been in a position to manipulate its securities."

"I believe," said Hinebaugh, in conclusion, "it will be found that great volumes of stocks and bonds of this company have been sold far in excess of the true value of the tangible property owned by the company."

Representative Hinebaugh charged that the receivership was not actually necessary.

PLANS BASEBALL TRUST QUIZ

Congressman Gallagher Says Half a Dozen Men Will Be Enough to Sustain Charges.

Washington, D. C.—Plans for an investigation of the so-called "baseball trust" were made by Representative Gallagher of Illinois, who will have a hearing within a week before the house rules committee on his resolution.

Representative Gallagher declared that half a dozen witnesses would be sufficient to sustain his charges of "monopoly." He prepared a list which includes Horace Fogel, former president of the Philadelphia baseball club, and men from New York, St. Louis, Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Buffalo.

LIGHTNING KILLS THREE MEN

Hits Steeple, Passes Through to Ground, Igniting and Destroying Edifice Near Freeport, Ill.

Freeport, Ill.—A bolt of lightning struck the German Reformed church near here, killing three members of the congregation, badly injuring a fourth and causing a fire in which the church was destroyed.

The dead: W. J. Dufman, K. S. Meyer, Wesel Hoke.

The bolt, after striking apparently passed through the body of Ontje Oltman, paralyzing and making him unconscious. Oltman, it is believed, will recover. All the victims were farmers.

ONE DEAD, 3 HURT IN WRECK

Two Bruised in Collision Between Engine and Freight Train at Gray's Summit.

Pacific, Mo.—In a freight wreck at Gray's Summit, four miles west of here, one man was killed and three injured.

A switch engine started out of a side track onto the main line just as a fast freight, pulled by two engines, came from the west. Engineer T. W. Snead and Fireman C. C. Wilkerson jumped and were slightly bruised. The engine overturned and the cab was demolished.

Engineer J. F. Reynolds, on the switch engine, was killed.

COAL RATES UNREASONABLE

Burlington, Fort Madison and Keokuk Profit by the Interstate Commerce Commission Ruling.

Washington, D. C.—Bituminous coal rates from Illinois mines to points on the western bank of the Mississippi river were declared unreasonable by the interstate commerce commission.

The Toledo, St. Louis & Western and the C. & B. Q. railroads were ordered before Aug. 1 to discontinue the present rates for a period of two years. Cities affected by the decision include Burlington, Fort Madison and Keokuk.

Belgian Steamer Hits a Mine.

Athens, Greece.—The Belgian steamer Kurland, from Antwerp, struck a mine near the island of "Ilevis" in the Gulf of Athens. She was seriously damaged and had to be towed to Phaleron and beached.

Austin's Body is Cremated.

London.—The body of Alfred Austin, the late poet laureate, was cremated at Golders' Green without ceremony. By permission of King George, a memorial service was held in the Chapel Royal.

Becker Asks New Trial.

New York.—A new trial for Charles Becker, police lieutenant convicted of the murder of Herman Rosenthal, and now in the deathhouse at Sing Sing, was sought in the supreme court.

Kansas G. O. P. Chairman Quits.

Topeka, Kan.—J. N. Dolley has tendered his resignation as chairman of the Republican state central committee, an office he has held for six years. It was stated that Mr. Dolley had joined the Progressive party.

## MRS. HAROLD P. PARMALEE



Miss Leila May Henry, daughter of Congressman and Mrs. Robert L. Henry of Texas, has just become the wife of Midshipman Harold Perry Parmalee, U. S. N.

## TAX TO CURB TRUST EVIL

McREYNOLDS SUGGESTS GRADUATED PAYMENT.

Attorney General Calls Dissolution of Tobacco Combine Misarrangement of Justice, and is Investigating.

Washington, D. C.—Attorney General McReynolds declared that he had always regarded the final decree intended to dissolve the tobacco trust as an "obvious subterfuge and a miscarriage of justice" and if there were any proper and just ways by which he could cure the evil, he would do it. As an immediate step, he is considering proposing to congress a graduated excise tax on tobacco manufactures.

The attorney general said that, while he had not firmly decided upon an investigation of the tobacco situation with a view to possible further anti-trust prosecution, he likewise had not reached a conclusion as to whether the decree of dissolution, which he regarded as inadequate, can be reopened. The attorney general indicated that he was firmly convinced that the decree was incommensurate with the demands of the occasion. He declared that there could be no real dissolution of a trust by distributing its stock among the same shareholders.

Regarding the Standard Oil situation, the attorney general said he was giving serious consideration to the result of the government's completed investigation of the workings of the dissolution decree, but had not yet decided whether action would be taken.

CONVICT STEALS MAJOR'S SUIT

Trusty Working in Governor's House Escapes Guards After Changing Clothes With Major.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Donning a good suit of clothes belonging to Governor Major, George Clemens, a Joplin negro, who is serving two years in the penitentiary for burglary, stole away from the executive mansion and is still at large.

Clemens was employed with a number of other convict trustees in laying a water main. He had occasion to go into the basement to establish a connection. While there he hastily went upstairs, discarded his convict garb and donned the major's suit. He then hid until nightfall and made his escape.

Mrs. Wilson Aids Hospital.

Washington.—Hundreds of sick rooms in the hospitals of the capital are brightened with cut flowers and potted plants from the White House conservatories. Each gift bears the personal card of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

Cabbages Defeat Tulips in Court.

Chicago.—Because Henry Klein wanted to plant cabbages in the back yard and his wife wanted tulips they had a family row. Judge Uhler decided in favor of the cabbages.

Editor Held as Counterfeiter.

St. Paul, Minn.—Howard A. Fullford, editor of a local weekly paper, was indicted by the federal grand jury, charged with having photographed \$20 bills with intent to manufacture counterfeit.

Auto, Amuck, Kills 1, Hurts 2.

Milwaukee.—James Mahagan, a fireman, was killed, and John Gretzki and Charles A. Faber, Jr., seriously injured, when the automobile driven by Dr. Faber, Sr., ran amuck in the business district.

Turkey Sells its "Navy."

Munich, Germany.—A deal was closed whereby the Turkish government disposed of 25 obsolete warships and 360 antiquated guns to a British firm for \$85,000. Some of the vessels are sailing ships.

Get Pay Before Governor.

Providence, R. I.—Because the state treasury is empty, Gov. Pothier and other high-salaried officials will have to wait for their pay. The treasurer has just sufficient funds to pay clerks and laborers.

Chilean Submarine Launched.

Seattle, Wash.—The Chilean naval submarine Inique was launched from a Seattle shipyard and christened by Mrs. Edgar von Schroeders, wife of the Chilean officer who will command the vessel.

Customs Receipts Drop.

Washington.—Government revenues from customs receipts fell off more than \$4,000,000 in March as compared with the same month of last year. Treasury officials attribute the loss to the period of tariff revision.

## SENATE BROADENS SEARCH

INQUIRY EXTENDED TO OUTSIDE ISSUES.

Overman Committee to Ask More Time and Include the House—Subpoenas Are Issued.

Washington, D. C.—The senate lobby investigating committee decided to extend its present inquiry into a sweeping investigation of all organized efforts that have been made to influence action upon legislation of any kind now pending before congress or under consideration in the recent past.

This action was determined upon after several senators had added to testimony given to show that well-organized and vigorous work is being done by commercial interests upon the sugar, wool and other tariff issues. The committee decided to subpoena all persons thus mentioned by senators as amongst their "tariff callers" and to learn the exact nature of all organized work that is being directed toward influencing any member of congress upon any subject.

The efforts of the committee will be centered first on the sugar fight, next upon wool and after that a full investigation will be made that will take in the activities of prohibition and liquor lobbies, the Alaskan railway forces, labor unions, farmers' protective organizations and practically all other organized bodies that have carried on publicity campaigns, "endless chain" letter writing or other means of influencing members of the senate or house.

FAVORS RENEWING TREATIES

Senate Foreign Affairs Committee Recommends Five Year Pacts With Three Foreign Nations.

Washington, D. C.—Renewal of three arbitration treaties for five years was recommended by the senate foreign affairs committee. The nations with whom the pacts are to be signed are Great Britain, Spain and Italy.

The committee also voted to close another country of refuge to absconders when it approved an extradition treaty with Paraguay.

To elevate the post at Madrid, Spain, to an ambassadorship, instead of a ministership, as at present, also was approved, as was the plan to send a minister to Paraguay. At present the minister to Uruguay acts as the American diplomatic representative at Paraguay.

ENRAGED AT WIFE, SLAYS 3

Three Others Injured, One Probably Fatally, Because Labor's Mate Wasn't Home.

Canton, O.—Enraged, he said, because he came home and found his wife missing, Robert Roach, 29 years old, a laborer, went to the home of his wife's parents and shot and killed his mother-in-law, sister-in-law and baby and fatally wounded another sister-in-law.

Later, when his arrest was attempted he shot a member of the Canton police force in the leg and hit another man on the hand.

The dead are: Mrs. Thelma Schatzman, 61; Ruth Schatzman, 19; Doris Roach, 16 months.

After the shooting Roach took refuge in an upstairs room and attempted to asphyxiate himself.

POLICE MATRON NABS MASHER

Joplin Man Says "Hello, Kid" to Woman on Street—She Flashes Star and Arrests Him.

Joplin, Mo.—It doesn't pay to flirt with Joplin's police matron, Harry Wilson, a railroad man, started a flirtation with her in the street, but didn't get far.

"Hello, kid," he said, as she passed him.

The matron, Miss Vernie Toff, who is 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighs 186 pounds, stopped and looked at him.

"Were you speaking to me?" she inquired.

Wilson replied that he was.

ASKS FOR PROBE OF FRISCO

Resolution Directing Investigation by Interstate Commerce Commission Goes Over.

Washington, D. C.—A resolution directing the interstate commerce commission to investigate the acquisition of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad by the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad and the subsequent placing of the Frisco road in the hands of receivers was offered in the senate by Senator Keayon of Iowa.

Under objection by Senator Jones of Washington the resolution went over.

Pokes Finger at Bear; Loses It.

New York.—When Rudolph Pollock humorously poked a finger at an alleged tame bear at Coney Island, the animal bit off his finger. He made a complaint, and the bear was taken to a police station.

Admits He Robbed Banker.

Kansas City, Mo.—Robert A. Chesnew, arrested here when trying to sell jewelry, told the police he had stolen diamonds valued at \$1,200 from the home of the president of the National Bank of Sedalia, Mo.

Chilean Submarine Launched.

Seattle, Wash.—The Chilean naval submarine Inique was launched from a Seattle shipyard and christened by Mrs. Edgar von Schroeders, wife of the Chilean officer who will command the vessel.

## FROM ALL OVER THE STATE

Ship 990 Cans of Berries.  
Joplin.—With the close of the strawberry picking season in southwest Missouri, it is estimated by Fruit Growers' association officials that 990 cars, each containing 510 crates of strawberries, were shipped from southwest Missouri and northwest Arkansas during the last two weeks. The growers received approximately \$1,000 a car for the berries, selling them on the tracks as fast as they were loaded. More than 40,000 pickers were employed in gathering the harvest.

Joplin.—Monroe Gohlsen, a miner, committed suicide at noon by lying down in his back yard, placing a stick of dynamite on his stomach and lighting the fuse. No reason is known for his act.

Leaves One Car, Killed by Another.  
Springfield.—Homer Hill was killed here when he stepped from one street car to an adjoining track and was struck by a car approaching from behind.

Missouri Deaf School Closes.  
Fulton.—The Missouri School for Deaf closed for the summer and the children were sent to their homes in care of men teachers of the institution. A special train was run from Fulton to St. Louis and changes for interior Missouri points were made at Mexico.

Court Decides Against Wets.  
Montgomery City.—The "drys" won a victory in the county court. The saloon men asked that the court grant a new license for six months before the license, which expires in July, had expired. The court held that this would defeat the will of the people if they voted "dry" in the coming election.

Hair Switch Murder Clew.  
Joplin.—The body of George F. Kellem, a laborer, of Pittsburg, Kan., was found in front of a grocery store one mile south of Joplin in Newton county. The man had been shot through the back. A woman's hair switch and a revolver near the body are the only clues to the killing. After an inquest officers began a search for a man and a woman, who were said to have been with Kellem.

Near-Lynching in Missouri.  
Boonville.—Earl Easter, 21, after escaping from the Missouri training school, entered the home of John Cartner, a farmer near the city, knocked him down with a club and then stabbed him. Cartner probably will die. Easter was captured a few hours later and was saved from violence at the hands of Cartner's neighbors by the strategy of the officers.

Infant Baptism Denounced.  
Warrensburg.—Pastor Russell of Brooklyn attacked infant baptism in his sermon before the International Bible Students' association at Pertle Springs. He declared that only believers could be baptized, and infants could not believe.

Boys' School Board Named.  
Jefferson City.—Gov. Major appointed the Board of Managers of the Missouri Training School for Boys at Coonville, as follows: Col. Fred Morris, Mexico; Roy L. Kay, California; and Ben E. Pulz, New London, each for a term ending February 1, 1917.

Coal Company Receiver Asked.  
Kansas City.—A receiver for the Farmers' Coal company, a Missouri corporation that owns coal mines in Lafayette county, was applied for by the New England National Bank of Kansas City in the circuit court.

Woman Cop Arrests Masher.  
Joplin.—"Hello, kid," said Harry Miller, a railroad man of Monett, Mo., to Miss Vernie Goff, Joplin's young woman police matron, on the street. Miss Goff immediately took Miller in charge for "mashing" and lodged him in the city jail.

Loses His Job After Wreck.  
Sedalia.—E. C. Carter, recently with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad at Des Moines, Ia., has succeeded Frank Roach, the dispatcher who admitted responsibility for the wreck on the Missouri Pacific at Brandt, Mo., which resulted in the deaths of four persons and the injuring of a score.

New Bloomfield Paper Issues.  
Bloomfield.—The first issue of the Stoddard Tribune was issued at Bloomfield. Frank White is editor of the new paper, which is Republican, and succeeds the Stoddard County Republican.

May Aid Line to Liberty.  
Hannibal.—A joint meeting of the Commercial club and representatives of Liberty, Camp Point and Payson, all Illinois towns, was held here to discuss an interurban line to Liberty.

Army Worms Destroy Crops.  
Delta.—Army worms destroyed many fine meadows here and at Cooney, Allenville, Whitewater and other places. In some cases fields of young corn have been destroyed and the owners were compelled to plant the crop over.

Courthouse Foundation Begun.  
Cassville.—The foundation work on the new \$45,000 Barry courthouse will be begun by Hamley & Hanson, contractors, of St. Louis. The excavation work has been completed.

Strawberry Wine Praised.  
Regarded medicinally, strawberry wine is held to be superior to grape wine. Spanish doctors who have investigated the matter report that strawberry wine gives the greater strength to a weakened constitution. The strawberry wine industry is said to be assuming some importance in Spain.

Senatorial Saying.  
"Let me go on the junkets of a country," says Senator Wombat, "and I care not who makes the law."

## BIGELOW IS HONORED

Union College Plans Memorial to Author and Diplomat.

Committee Raising \$100,000 for Recitation Hall and Professorship at Schenectady Institution—Was 17 When He Graduated.

Schenectady, N. Y.—Plans are rapidly being perfected at Union college for the establishment of an elaborate memorial in honor of John Bigelow, the author and diplomat, whose long life of service ended in New York on December 19, 1911. John Bigelow was a Union man of the class of 1835, and was for many years the oldest living alumnus of the college. The memorial is to take the form of a recitation hall which will bear Mr. Bigelow's name, and for these two purposes at least \$100,000 must be raised. A committee, of which Joseph H. Choate is chairman, has dedicated itself to the raising of this fund, and the circulars calling for subscriptions will soon be sent out.

"It is felt," says this committee, "that the most fitting memorial would be a building erected on the campus of his Alma Mater at Schenectady, N. Y., with lecture halls and rooms devoted to the studies he loved, history, politics, and literature, and the establishment there in of a John Bigelow professorship of political science. The building would be named the 'John Bigelow Memorial Hall,' and would stand on the main avenue of the college grounds